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(This interview was conducted shortly before [REDACTED]

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retired. [REDACTED] said that upon retirement he was going to locate in the Washington area but did not have an apartment selected as yet. His current address could be obtained from A&TS if he is to be interviewed again)

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[REDACTED] was interviewed on 6 December 1947 and gave information regarding physical security activities and other items in the OSS, SSU, CIG, and CIA.

The main items on which he commented are as follows:

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[REDACTED] joined OSS about 1943. The exact date can be obtained from his personnel file if necessary.

ITEMS

Compartmentation

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From the time [REDACTED] joined OSS and through SSU and CIG the "need-to-know" and compartmentation of information were considered important factors. One of the organizations of

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OSS Under [REDACTED] which would now correspond to the DDP/TSD Unit, had very strict compartmentation, a separate

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badge being used to gain admittance to the area.

Badges

All badges were photographi and laminated. Some people wore their badges exposed while others only displayed them upon admittance to a building occupied by OSS; or SSU or; the CIG. He could not recall any directive ~~that~~ issued to ensure that all badges were exposed and he believed that it was up to the choice of the individual concerned. But in any case no one was admitted to a building without displaying his badge.

Guards

Guards from Public Building Administration were utilized for the protection of the buildings and controlled the admittance of employees. Near the end of, or shortly after WW II, the OSS used some military personnel as guards but this proved to be most unsatisfactory. The men were expected to be discharged from the service shortly and would not seem to care in what manner they handled their duties. They were most inattentitive and discipline by their non-commissioned officers was very lax. In addition it was necessary to provide barracks for them and this raised many problems.

Visitors

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All visitors were processed through receptionists and were escorted to and from the offices to be visited by some one from these offices. [REDACTED] recalled that there was some discussion about there being a pool of persons for the escort of visitors but this never proceeded past the discussion stage.

Safes

The safes used consisted of some bar locked cabinets but most were Remington Rand with a hand set key lock. Combinations to safes were changed during the OSS days by the custodians of the safes under the guidance and supervision of members of the Physical Security Staff. This Staff did not retain copies of the combinations and the custodians of each safe were the only ones that had the combinations. Later after OSS the combinations were changed by security personnel who retained the combinations in sealed envelopes.

After Hours Checks

During OSS days the check of safes at the close of each business day was made by the PBA guards. If a safe was found open the custodian was called in unless a female in which case the safe was simply closed.

Security Violation Penalties

The only penalty for security violations consisted of the custodian being called in as described above, This was considered sufficient punishment.

After Hours Coverage

There was no night security officer as such during the OSS days or SSU of the early days of CIG. The physical security officer remained on the premises until after the guards had made the security check which was generally completed about 2300 hours each evening. However, the security officer was on duty at home where he could be reached by telephone should any emergencies arise.

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██████████ recalled that this duty was much sought after because a government car was furnished to the man on duty and this enabled him to do some shopping going to and from work as well as provided him transportation to and from his job. These items being important during the strict rationing of gasoline when ones personal car was used as seldom as possible.

Security Checks of Desks and Offices

No checks were made of desks or other items of furniture by security personnel until after Col. Edwards took over security in CIG. ██████████ recalled that Col. Edwards made up teams for this

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night check from the senior officers on his staff. [REDACTED] said that it was his belief that the Col. felt that examining the desks, might be felt as an invasion of privacy and he wished the checks done by officers having sufficient age and stature to avoid complaint. It might be interesting to note that these senior officers on this duty were referred to as "'night riders'". [REDACTED] did not know the reason for the origin of this term.

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Classified Trash

Classified trash was collected and burned by the security personnel. Most of the burning took place in the furnaces of the buildings but they had one small incinerator located by "M" building.

Security Surveys

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As far as [REDACTED] could recall no overseas security surveys were conducted by any of the physical officers during the OSS, SSU or early CIG days. He could not recall that any security surveys were made or any buildings or offices located outside of the Headquarters area. Surveys conducted in the Headquarters area consisted generally of those sites and buildings to be used for training purposes. He recalled that reports of survey were given orally and not written.

Security Manuals

There was no security manuals as such until the early days of CIG. *see CIG manual 15 Aug 47* However, there was a reading file containing memoranda, regulations, etc., which was given to new employees to read upon entering on duty.

Forced Entry

25X1A9a [REDACTED] never heard of any break-ins to buildings or force entry into safes during the OSS-SSU-CIG days.

Strength

The T/O of the physical security staff during OSS-SSU and the early days of CIG was very small and never consisted of over 5 people. He said that they were always short handed and to make it worse during the transition period from OSS to SSU the number was reduced to 2 or 3. Prior to this reduction [REDACTED] handled the badging; [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a assisted [REDACTED], assumed all of the balance of the physical security tasks. He said that when Col. Edwards and 25X1A9a [REDACTED] became members of the OS of CIG that the physical security functions and T/O were built up.

Organization

Concerning the security organization and personnel, [REDACTED]

25X1A9a said that OSO security was first headed up by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

[REDACTED]. During the SSU and the early days of CIG the clandestine services had their own security functions which were kept strictly apart from the security organization of the balance of this organization. He recalled that [REDACTED] was made 25X1A9a

25X1A9a security officer shortly after CIG was organized. It was [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

impression that [REDACTED] was anxious to return to his parent service and did not make much of an effort to build up his organization or to avoid anything that would make him appear as "empire builder".

25X1A9a However, he performed the task well and was quite conscientious.

When [REDACTED] in CIG as chief of the clandestine services he insisted that they be compartmented from the balance of CIG. He asked for and received his own separate 25X1A9a

25X1A9a security group and brought in [REDACTED] to head it up. Mr. [REDACTED] commented that [REDACTED] could "write his own ticket" with 25X1A9a

the result that he received almost anything he wished. The Clandestine Services were very "hush hush" and very effectively segregated from the balance of CIG.

In OSS physical security and personnel security were separate offices and operate independently of each other. He recalled that the members in the personnel security activity of OSS included

25X1A9a [REDACTED]. Investigations were made by

25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] and other contractors. The results of these investigations were reviewed by the personnel security group which

25X1A9a was the largest office in security of OSS and SSU and the early days of CIG. [REDACTED] also recalled that [REDACTED] was the Chief of SSU security at one time but was not there very long as he wished an overseas assignment.

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] recalled the transition period when the functions of SSU were taken over by CIG. Members of the SSU were phased out by a reduction from force action over a period of time and those who were deemed desirable to be members of CIG were then hired by CIG. There was no such thing as a transfer from SSU to CIG but was a question of "firing and then hiring". [REDACTED] recalled that it was general uneasiness in SSU at that time over the future of employment. He also recalls that it was a standing joke among the employees to inquire who one was working for that day, the SSU or CIG. Many did not know until their next pay check arrived and they could ascertain which activity they were with.

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